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"And they cried, The Sword of the Lord, and of Gideon." Judges 7:20

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## Try Gospel Films

Here Are Sound Reasons Why Pastors, Teachers, Youth Leaders and Christian Organizations Would Do Well to Consider Prayerfully The Use of Gospel Films in Carrying on the Work of Christ

By Evangelist Bill Rice  
Associate Editor

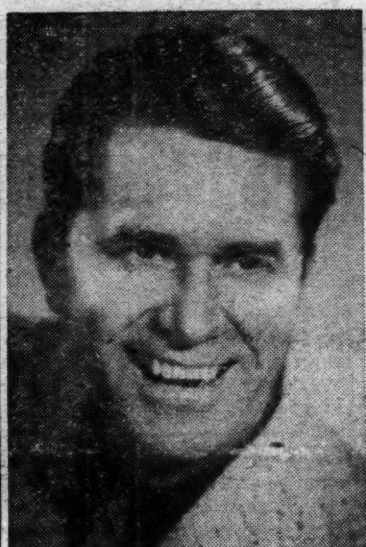
"...I am made all things to all men, that I might by all means save some."—I Cor. 9:22.  
"Blessed are they that sow beside all waters..."—Isa. 32:20  
"Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season..."—II Tim. 4:2.

I am definitely sold on the use of good Gospel films. I know they can be used advantageously in the Gospel work. I graduated from Moody Bible Institute in 1941 and entered the evangelistic field a few months afterward. Within a few months I bought a sound motion picture projector and some Baptist films and have used Gospel films from that time until this. This means I have used sound motion pictures month in and month out for almost twelve years—perhaps longer than any other evangelist in America. And I have seen churches turn more and more to sound motion pictures as a medium for presenting the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. I feel that almost every church should plan on motion picture and slide projectors as standard equipment just as they do pianos and song books! Here are some of the reasons why:

### See and Hear Great Preaching

In the nature of the case, many of us will never get to hear some

of the greatest preachers in the world in person. It is simply impossible. (Continued on page 6)



Evangelist Bill Rice

## THE PASTOR is the Key

By the Editor

A pastor in Kansas City stood before his Sunday evening congregation and asked how many present were readers of THE SWORD OF THE LORD. He had ushers to have envelopes at the door ready to take subscriptions for all who wished to subscribe or to renew their subscriptions. That is a spiritual church, led by a pastor with vision. More and more through the years it has grown in power, grown in holy living. It has grown in soul winning. The pastor is the key!

Another pastor ordered sample copies of THE SWORD OF THE LORD to give to his people and distributed them in the morning service along with the church bulletin. In the church bulletin he explained what kind of a Christian magazine THE SWORD OF THE LORD is, told how it had blessed him, urged people to subscribe. And in the church bulletin he prepared a coupon where those who would might put their name and address, and leave the coupon, with the money, with a person appointed to send in subscriptions. His church was greatly blessed. The pastor is the key!

Scores of pastors have had "Sword of the Lord Sunday" in their churches. They have given out sample copies of THE SWORD, have made five-minute talks about this Christian magazine, urging

their members to subscribe. They have each appointed some member to take up the subscriptions and send them in. God bless such spiritual pastors! Always in such cases, godly, Bible-believing and Bible-preaching pastors will find the churches growing in grace, with more concern for soul winning, will find them more liberal in their giving, more loyal to Bible preaching and teaching. Every godly pastor ought to be concerned to have a literate, spiritually-informed, Bible-loving, soul-winning people. THE SWORD OF THE LORD will help that more than almost any other means that could be used, along with the pastor's own anointed and faithful ministry.

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## THIS THING CALLED SIN

By Evangelist Eddie Martin  
2036 Lititz Pike, Lancaster, Pennsylvania

My message tonight is on the subject, "This Thing Called Sin." The Bible has much to say about sin.

"Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me" (Psa. 51:5). The only kind of child your mother or father can give birth to is a child with sin in its blood.

And again, Psalm 103:10 says, "He hath not dealt with us after our sins; nor rewarded us according to our iniquities." Thank God for that!

And again, Proverbs 14:9: "Fools make a mock at sin." Fools make a mock at sin! Fools laugh when they see a man sin. Fools encourage a man to sin. Fools follow the crowd living in sin.

Proverbs 28:13 says, "He that covereth his sins shall not prosper; but whose confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy."

And again, Ecclesiastes 7:20: "For there is not a just man upon earth, that doeth good, and sinneth not."

That means you, sir. That means you, dear lady. There is not a just man upon the face of God's earth that doeth good and sinneth not.

And again, Numbers 32:23: "...be sure your sins will find you out." You can't beat the game of sin.

And again, "The soul that sinneth it shall die." "All have sinned and come short of the glory of God."

And to me the greatest verse in all the Bible: I John 1:7, "...the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin."

### The Bible Records the Sins of Individuals

The Bible is unlike any other book in that this Book records the sins of individuals. If you read a biography or autobiography of some great man you certainly are never taken into his sin life. The sins of a man, in the writings of men, are never dealt with. His shortcomings are never exposed. But the Bible is unique in that it records the sins committed by certain individuals. I thank God my sins are not in a book for any of you to read about! And I imagine you feel the same about your private life; don't you? If they were, we would all move out of town!

Consider David: He committed that awful sin with Bathsheba, the sin of adultery. We have that story of shame to read about in the Bible. The whole sinful act is exposed for us. David didn't get away with that sin. God recorded it to show us we can't beat the game of sin.

Read about Samson. He petted with Delilah and was trapped by the Devil. His sin story is recorded in the Bible. Peter, boastful Peter, cursed and denied the Lord. We have all read about his sin. And godly Abraham, when he gave his wife to Pharaoh, and said, 'she is my sister,' and subjected his wife to the possibility of committing adultery with Pharaoh. You can read about that in the Bible.

You can read about Noah getting drunk, after his victory during the

flood. You can read about Lot giving children to his own daughters. That sin story is recorded in the Bible. Amnon raped his sister, Tamar. You can read that story in the Bible.

These shameful, sinful acts of certain individuals are recorded in the Bible. Why? To teach you and me that no individual can get away with sin. God sees every sin we commit, public or private. And He warns us that we must pay a price for all transgressions.

### God Deals Drastically With Men Because of Sin

In the Bible you can read about God's drastic dealings with men because of their sins. God destroyed a whole world of men in Noah's day. He made it rain forty days and nights and washed the entire antediluvian world into Hell. God rained fire and brimstone down on Sodom and Gomorrah, turning those wicked cities into ashes because of sin.

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Evangelist Eddie Martin

### Read It!

See "Methodist Infidel Denies Christ and the Bible" by John R. Rice, Page 3. Dynamite!

## 673 Claim Christ in 1953

During 1953, there were 673 people who wrote to say that they had trusted Christ as Savior through messages in THE SWORD OF THE LORD, or through other literature in English, sent out through the Sword of the Lord. (This does not count thousands claiming Christ through our foreign literature program.) We believe that these 673 people who were so certain and so bold in claiming Christ represent thousands of others who were turned to Christ largely through THE SWORD OF THE LORD and Sword literature, who did not write to say so.

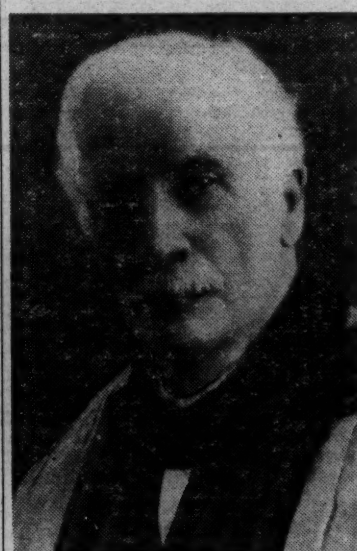
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## ARE YOU SICK?

By Dr. Charles A. Blanchard  
Second President of Wheaton College

"Confess Your Faults One To Another, And Pray" -- Jas. 5:16



Dr. Charles A. Blanchard

I take this title from the directions which the Holy Spirit gives through James for the care of the sick. He says in the fifth chapter of that letter, verses 14 and 15, "Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him." I have heard this Scripture repeated all my life, but I have almost never heard in public quotation: "Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much" (Jas. 5:16).

Francis Murphy used to say: "The three hardest words to pronounce in the English language are, 'I was wrong,' and the next

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For Young People . . .

# Miracles of Science

By the late Arthur I. Brown, M.D.

Enthralling and Curious Facts of Nature Showing the Miraculous Scientific Evidences of God's Hand in Creation. 39 Wonderful Chapters.

## CHAPTER XIV

### Strings Of Beads

Our subject today is the protoplasmic cell with its miraculous chromosomes and genes — the beads on the string, of which I have already given you some details.

In the last few years, the ultramicroscope and X-rays have given us a much better insight into what these genes are and how they perform their intricate operations. The evidence indicates that they are single complex protein molecules; that they reproduce by "growing" a new gene inside the old one, rather than by splitting in two; that in the chromosome they form strings held together by some unknown force; and that the order of the genes in these strings determines the characteristics of the particular cell containing them. In size they range up to 6 and 7 millionths of a centimeter in diameter.

In higher orders of life, there are thousands of these genes present in each cell, strung out like beads. Changes, called mutations, occur when these strings "cross over" and interchange some of their genes. From these changes result white races or black, geniuses or dolts, men or women. If mutations occurred at random, we might expect extreme changes in an organism from generation to generation, instead of the general similarities which carry through, but mice give birth to mice, and human beings reproduce human beings because of this inherent nature of their respective chromosomes. They work according to an absolutely inviolable law. Where and how did this law originate unless from a Supreme Law-giver?

When chromosomes get together and trade genes, they deal only with those chromosomes which are similar to themselves. For instance, as a crude illustration, let us imagine a community made up of French, Swedes, English, etc., each of whom has several commodities to barter, but French will exchange only with French, Swedes with Swedes, and so on. It will easily be seen that the distribution of wealth in the community will be changed much less under these conditions than if all the residents got together and traded indiscriminately.

Similarly the chromosomes in a nucleus discriminate in favor of their own type, and thus the ex-

change of genes is not a random thing but is controlled to such an extent that like produces like. It is not hard for a Bible believer to understand this for ten times over in the first chapter of Genesis we read the words, "after its kind." How did Moses know so much about the mysterious laws of genetics in that far-off day unless divinely inspired?

When a cell splits, the chromosomes also split along their length, and each cell then receives its full complement of these priceless genes, presence of which is essential to continuity of life, of organization, of species. But if each cell has its full allotment of genes, one would think that the number must double each generation, when the two-sex cells combine into one. In a remarkable way, this is prevented. When cells which are to become sex-cells split away from their parent-cells, they are automatically endowed with only half the usual number of chromosomes. It is as if some omnipotent Power says to a forming sex-cell: "Wait. When you grow up, you will be a sex-cell. Take only half as many chromosomes. You are going to find a mate with an equal number and everything will be right."

Is it possible for any one familiar with these wonders not to believe in a personal, designing, omnipotent and omniscient God? So we see that life is far more than a mere mechanical process. The body of an organism is much more than a machine. This is just as true of a plant as of an animal. Dr. D. H. Scott, eminent British botanist, wrote in *Extinct Plants and Problems of Evolution*, p. 225:

"The leaves are a mechanism; the stem is a mechanism; and so is the plant as a whole. But the general design and the scheme of the machine were laid down once for all years ago and have never been departed from."

Who, it is pertinent to ask, laid down the plan? The answer again is *God*. This unchanging purpose runs through the entire system of plant life.

No one knows what this life principle is. It cannot be examined, and science is completely in the dark as to its nature. We see how it works, but its real character eludes all efforts to discover it.

As Dr. Alfred Russel Wallace wrote, thirty years ago in *The World of Life*, p. 3, so is the mystery today:

"So marvelous and so varied are the phenomena presented by living things, so completely do their powers transcend those of all other forms of matter subjected to mechanical, physical or chemical laws, that biologists have vainly endeavored to find out what is at the bottom of their strange manifestations, and to give precise definitions, in terms of physical science, of what 'life' really is."

Horatio Hackett Newman, geologist, wrote in *The Nature and Origin of the World and of Man*, p. 52:

"In all frankness it must be admitted that the problem of the origin of life has not been solved."

General Smuts, as quoted by Graebner in *God and the Cosmos*, p. 129, said:

"Recent astronomical theory has come to strengthen this view of life as an exceptional feature of the main track of the universe. For the origin of our planetary system is attributed to an unusual accident, and planets such as ours with a favorable chance for life are taken to be rare in the universe. Perhaps we may even say at the present epoch there is no other globe where life is at the level manifested on earth."

He could more properly have said that life is unknown at all anywhere except on this globe.

James S. Haldane, distinguished physiologist, affirmed that:

"The mechanistic speculations of the last century no longer afford any prospect of understanding life."

Professor Conn agrees in the following words:

"There is not the slightest evidence that living matter could arise from non-living matter. Spontaneous generation is universally given up."

And yet men will persist in the unscientific assertion that life came from dead matter sometime, somehow in the long ago.

It is a common diversion among those who hold the Bible in small esteem, to express themselves in opposition to its statements about the origin of man, his sin and fall, the judgment of death pronounced by God, and the great plan for man's salvation, which occupies such a large portion of the Book's teaching. But these same skeptics are hard put to it to find any scientific errors in this Book. The Word of God is never guilty of agreeing with the primitive science common to those who wrote contemporaneously with the Bible. Its aim is not to teach science, but there are many references to scientific matters. In every instance, this astonishing Record speaks with a calm certainty which is surprising. When the facts come to light, this Book is always shown to be correct.

I think we are justified, under these conditions, in paying strict attention to everything it has to say. This is especially true in connection with its warnings regarding the necessity of making provision for the sin which, as we know, according to the Book, condemns us all to an eternal death.

You, who read these articles regularly, will know by this time that my purpose is not simply to educate or interest you in regard to the many fascinating features of God's world, but to get us acquainted with God, Himself. I know no better way than for us to examine His works. We seek His wisdom and power and unfathomable love in creation, but we see these attributes also, and more markedly, in what He has done in order to restore fallen man to a place where we may enter the family of God, and have fellowship with God on equal terms with Jesus Christ.

Did I say, "on equal terms with Jesus Christ"? Yes, nothing less than that. You might imagine that to be impossible. At first glance that is how it appears, but remember we have an omnipotent God. Only He could discover a way whereby the entire race of mankind, doomed to death, could yet go free, and at the same time, satisfy God's justice. The whole concept, humanly speaking, is incredible and impossible. But we have a God of the impossible.

No wonder David breaks into song in the 95th Psalm, and in

## IS IT RIGHT?

Is it right to invite people to church to hear the Gospel? Then it is right for us to invite people to subscribe to *The Sword of the Lord* for themselves and others.

Is it right to advertise church services and announce them in the local newspapers, in the church bulletin, and from the pulpit? Then it is right for us to promote **THE SWORD OF THE LORD** and urge people to subscribe for others. Christian promotion is right and necessary in getting out the Gospel.

Is it right to talk to a lost sinner about his soul? Is it right to explain the Word of God to Christians and help them to do right? Is it right to teach children the Bible? Is it right to encourage a preacher to be faithful to Christ, encourage him to put soul winning first, to take a plain stand against sin and against modernism? Then it is right for Christians to send subscriptions to other Christians, to unconverted people, to pastors and missionaries.

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## Slides And Filmstrips

By Evangelist Bill Rice, Associate Editor

Although sound motion pictures are a little more attractive to me than most slides and filmstrips, the latter definitely have a place in your church program. You can

these words utters his praise of God:

"O come, let us sing unto the Lord: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation . . . For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods. . . . O come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord our maker, for he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand."

God had to find an infinite Substitute who would take the place of sinning and sentenced humanity. Who should it be? None other than Christ, Himself! Wonder of wonders—"Christ died for the ungodly." "He hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him."

Yes, His death on the cross was not exemplary but substitutionary. He took my place; He took your place, so now you and I go free. Is that anything to you? It means much to me, thank God! What is keeping you from this wonderful Saviour? Why not make today—now—the time to say "yes" to Jesus Christ?

(The book, **MIRACLES OF SCIENCE**, is now out of print, and *Sword of the Lord* Publishers supply is exhausted. We are sorry no more orders for it can be filled.)

do many things with slides and filmstrips which you cannot do with sound motion pictures.

For one thing, there is absolutely no comparison in the price of the equipment. A good sound motion picture projector will cost in the neighborhood of \$500.00. A good combination slide and filmstrip projector for the average church will cost less than \$100.00. And they are so much lighter in weight and they can be set up and taken down with greater ease and are easier to move from place to place. Further more there are less working parts to get out of order, and so they can be kept in working order easier and cheaper.

The stationary picture has some advantages over the motion picture, too. The sound motion film has a recorded message and the message is the same every time the film is used. But the speaker can bring his own message while showing slides and filmstrips and make the message fit any age group and can vary the message to fit the situation. I always carry a good slide projector with me in my revival campaigns and use it again and again with marvelous results.

There are a number of companies that produce slides and filmstrips that are not only Scriptural but sensible and useable. One of these is the Fred Visser Company. I have seen many slides produced by

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# Methodist Infidel Denies Christ And Bible

How Dr. Nels F. S. Ferre of Vanderbilt University, Loved by Modernistic Baptists, in New Book, "The Sun and the Umbrella," Says Jesus Sinned Like Other Normal Humans . . . That He is Not God . . . That His First Coming Was Not Predestined or Foretold . . . That to Worship Jesus Is Idolatry . . . That Jesus Was Not Virgin-Born . . . That People Will Be Better Christians As They Discard the Authority of Christ and the Bible!

By Evangelist John R. Rice

"Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles?"—Matt. 7:15, 16.

"Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron."—I Tim. 4: 1,2.

"Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son. If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed: For he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds."—II John 9-11.

Vanderbilt University at Nashville, Tennessee, was built by old-fashioned, Bible-believing Methodists. It is still a principal Methodist school, depended on for training Methodist leadership and ministers, though it has forsaken Bible Christianity and the historic Christian position on the fundamentals of the faith. Dr. Nels F. S. Ferre is professor of Philosophical Theology of the Vanderbilt University School of Religion. This is the same notorious unbeliever who wrote that Jesus may have been the child of a blond German soldier in the Roman army, conceived in harlotry while Mary hung about the army camp! (*The Christian Understanding of God*, page 191). His infidelity is not new. He has already, repeatedly in print denied every fundamental of the Christian faith, including the authoritative inspiration of the Scriptures, the deity of Christ, His virgin birth, and the blood atonement and substitutionary death of Christ.

However, a new book by Dr. Ferre accents his blasphemy and makes it necessary that it shall be exposed. The new book is *The Sun and the Umbrella*, published recently by Harper.

## 1. Why Ferre's Book Is Specially Sinister

Since Dr. Ferre is one of the most honored of Methodist leaders; since the book on its jacket is endorsed by Methodist bishop Gerald Kennedy, and by Dr. Howard Thurman, Dean of the Chapel Boston University (Methodist school); and since Dr. Ferre is widely heralded as speaker in nationwide Methodist gatherings, we have a right to assume that the book is important as representing the official Methodist viewpoint. (Of course it does not represent the viewpoint of thousands of common Methodists who still believe the Bible.)

Since on the jacket the book is publicly endorsed by Dr. Edwin McNeill Poteat, minister of the Pullen Memorial Baptist Church, Raleigh, North Carolina, and prominent Southern Baptist leader; since Dr. Ferre was invited by the Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville, to present the *Gay Lectures* before the student body in 1947; and since just last November he was a specially invited guest speaker at an official statewide meeting of Southern Baptists young people in North Carolina, we have a right to believe that those leaders thus endorsing him agree in the main with Dr. Ferre's position.

These things make the book important. The position is typical of modernists. Therefore, we deem the book worthy of detailed examination. The new book, *The Sun and the Umbrella*, is so blasphemous as to make the heart sick. The first reaction of a lot of loyal Methodists and loyal Baptists will be that I have misrepresented the book. The average reader cannot conceive how a man could claim to be a Christian and really say what Dr. Ferre says. But I promise to give exact quotations again and again, and I promise that a detailed study of the book, chapter by chapter, sentence by sentence, will prove that I properly and truly represent this book.

The attitude of some others will be that we ought to say nothing about it. There are some who believe that no matter how Jesus Christ is insulted and the Bible is denied, and no matter how the faith of innocent people is broken down, we ought not to say anything about it, because it may hurt the denominational program! Preachers who have an ax to grind, preachers whose daily bread is involved, teachers whose jobs are at stake, may be more concerned about their jobs than they are about the truth.

Denominational leaders may be more concerned about their denominational program than they are about the honor and good name of Jesus Christ. They may be more concerned about getting people to give to their denominational program than they are about saving young people from the wreckage of faith, which infidels like Ferre deliberately set out to bring.

Other Christians who believe the Bible and who check and find out that what we say here is certainly true, every word of it, will be heart-sick at the blasphemy.

But whatever the reaction, we feel compelled to come out plainly in defense of the Bible and in defense of Jesus Christ. We are more concerned to do right than we are to please the readers. So we ask you, in Jesus' name, you who believe the Bible and you who know, love, and worship Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour, to read every word carefully.

## 2. The Theme of the Book: That Christ, The Bible, The Church and Creeds All Keep Out God's Light, Are Idols

The book, *The Sun and the Um-*



Nels F. S. Ferre

brella, is called, "A parable for today."

The sense of the parable is this: Once people lived in an "old barn, very wide but a low ceiling, and no windows in it." That was the House of Legality, lighted by the dim, smoky "lamps of the law." Then one day a prophet came (He is not called God's Son or God Incarnate, but just a prophet). This prophet said there was a bright light outside, so they killed "this impostor."

But some, representing New Testament apostles and Christians, came out of the House of Legality but could not stand the sun (the full knowledge of God), so they built themselves umbrellas to keep off the sun. These umbrellas which keep away the light of God from people's hearts are said to be, worshipping Jesus as God, believing the Bible as the Word of God, etc.

However, in the parable one young man went out into the sunshine, discarding worship of Christ, discarding belief in the Bible as the Word of God. That young man is evidently the author, Nels Ferre. Trying to get everybody to leave off worship of Jesus Christ and His authority, to leave off the authority of the Bible, leave off demand for the new birth, going with Buddhists, Hindus, Confucianists, etc., as branches of the church of the living God and to get along without the "umbrellas," the fundamental doctrines of Christianity which, he says, keep people from knowing God in reality, and hinder the sunshine of God's love!

I have read the book through carefully three times, have marked scores of passages, and I am not misrepresenting it. The purpose of the book is to get people to discard the authority and deity of Jesus Christ, to discard the authority of the Bible and the doctrinal position of historic Christianity, and to accept a general religion that has nothing to do with historic Christianity. These words are carefully weighed and we will prove them.

How can one explain the way Methodist leaders generally support Ferre, and the way many Southern Baptist leaders and leaders of other denominations praise him and help spread his books and his doctrines? First, the leaders mainly responsible obviously do not believe the Bible; only a modernist could intelligently endorse this man, knowing all the facts. Second, some long to have an appearance of scholarship, and so, not knowing much about the man's doctrine or not caring, they hope to get a reputation for scholarship by approving him. Others obviously have not thought through the matter, have not sought the facts, because they wanted to go along with their denominational leaders. We know of no other way to explain it when Christians praise an infidel and help him in his wicked

work of blaspheming Christ and tearing down faith.

Let us come to the heart of the matter. Dr. Ferre says that men have made themselves umbrellas to keep off the clear rays of the Sun. That is what the whole book is about. These umbrellas which, he says, keep away the light of God from the human heart, include "An Umbrella Called Christ," "An Umbrella Called the Bible," and "An Umbrella Called the Church." He says that to worship Jesus Christ as God, to ask people to accept Him as a personal Saviour, and to depend upon Him to save those who trust Him is all a hindrance that keeps people from God, an umbrella that shuts out the sunlight of God's fellowship and blessing. He says that the Bible, too, is an umbrella that keeps people from God; that people who believe the Bible is inspired and authoritative are thus hindered from knowing God and having His light. He says that the church, in having creeds and doctrinal standards, is also an umbrella that shuts out the power of God. These are separate chapters in the book.

And the first chapter is, "An Umbrella Called Christ." The first thing Dr. Ferre wants removed from Christianity is the worship of Jesus Christ, the dependence upon Him as a personal Saviour! That is not simply my interpretation of the book. That is exactly what Dr. Ferre himself plainly says in words that cannot well be misunderstood by an honest man.

## 3. Ferre Questions Whether Jesus Christ Even Himself Did "Completely Teach and Live God's Love"

Dr. Ferre says that the doctrine of the "centrality of the love of God" is the perfect light. Dr. Ferre says that he himself understands this, but he doubts whether Jesus did. On page 26, in the first chapter, he says:

"Another problem connected with these central affirmations as stated above is the extent to which Jesus himself saw this Gospel and carried it through into systematic form. Some thinkers even question whether he fully enacted it in his own life. Did he completely teach and live God's love? Honesty

demands humility of knowledge at this point.

"We have no original writings of Jesus but only composite reports concerning his work and words, recorded later by different writers. The writings differ enough, too, to indicate that it is impossible to distinguish, definitely and accurately, between the original figure of Jesus and interpretations of him. Nor can we tell unerringly what is fact and what is fiction, what is reporting and what is veneration. The disciples are often reported to have misunderstood their Master, and certainly the Gospel writers mixed their own thinking and attitudes into what they reported at second hand."

Did Jesus completely teach and live God's love? Dr. Ferre is so honest that he humbly says that he does not know! But he says he knows that the New Testament is mixed up, that it does not tell the truth always about Jesus, but that Jesus probably did not fully represent God.

Yet Dr. Ferre concedes, "Even so, the New Testament as a whole radiates the love of God with the brilliance which cannot be explained apart from the Original Son of God's love." And he concludes that Jesus was one "who at least saw many major implications of this truth, and whose life can be explained basically only in its terms." How kind he is to Jesus, to admit that though Jesus probably didn't know all about God, as love, at least Jesus "saw many major implications of this truth." Not as much, of course, as an infidel professor of Vanderbilt University School of Religion, but Jesus did know a lot about God, it is conceded! (Page 27).

## 4. Ferre Says That Jesus Was Not Sinless, But That He Sinned As Other Men Do

What would you think if a Methodist preacher should say (Continued on page 4)

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## Methodist Infidel

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that the writers of the New Testament, in claiming that Jesus was sinless, "thereby robbed him of his humanity"? What would you think if you should hear a man who claims to be a preacher of the Gospel saying that Jesus was baptized "unto the remission of sin"? What would you think if you should hear a preacher saying that Jesus denied that He was good?

What do you think about a preacher preaching before a Baptist seminary, for example, who says that fear is sin, but that Jesus "cried out day and night out of fear"? Well, that is exactly what Dr. Ferre says in the following passages, taken from pages 27 and 28 of the book, *The Sun and the Umbrella*.

"What, however, has theology done through the centuries with this Gospel and with this figure? How was the life of Jesus mythologized even in the New Testament? First, the writers could not quite deny tensions, fear and problems in the life of Jesus, but it did present him as sinless, and thereby robbed him of his humanity. All men have sinned and come short of the glory of God. Our solidarity as men in our present existence is, for one part, based on our community in sin. Our deepest problem as men is not finiteness, but sin; not law, but sin; not death, but sin. The Christian faith believes not that God is too holy to behold sin but that He comes to seek and to save the sinner. The Christian faith knows no absolute, either, which like an inverted rainbow dips from the eternal into finite existence only to return again to perfection; God Himself, in coming to save us, rather, for our sake 'becomes sin'; He lives with us, among us, in us and for us.

"Jesus himself recognized this: He was baptized by John unto the remission of sin to fulfill all righteousness. When someone called him good, he refused the title in deep humility ascribing goodness to God alone. The prayer which he shared with his disciples acknowledged the need for forgiveness. In Gethsemane he cried in agony: 'Not my will, but thine.' The other writers, with insight, realized that the sinless had to become sin within full humanity and that Jesus must learn obedience through what he suffered in order to be made perfect. Perfect love casts out fear and whatsoever is not of faith is sin, but Jesus, it was reported, cried day and night out of fear to Him who was

able to save him from death. Certainly Jesus was a fully normal human being in all things like ourselves."

It is true that Jesus legally was "made sin for us," but it is expressly stated in the Scriptures of Jesus, He "did no sin" (I Pet. 2: 22).

It is true that when a rich young ruler called Jesus "Good Master," that is, teacher or rabbi, Jesus answered, "Why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is, God" (Matt. 19:17). But there Jesus is expressly saying that He is not just a rabbi, a teacher; but that He is God come in the flesh, and that this is why He is good. The simple truth is that Jesus never hinted that He had sinned. He never hinted that He was less than God. He plainly challenges here, "Which of you convinceth me of sin?" (John 8:46). It is certainly true that Jesus was a human being. But He was not normal in the sense of being like the rest of us about sin. He was not normal, that is natural, in His birth. He was supernaturally conceived by a virgin. He was not normal in His life in that He was perfect and sinless as no other man who ever lived. Dr. Ferre's statement is blasphemy!

In the following paragraph, on page 28, Dr. Ferre says:

"But see how theology which does not see, or refuses to see, the full length and depth of the Incarnation distorts the picture and discards the entirety of the Incarnation! By utilizing a few phrases in the New Testament, theology could claim Jesus to be sinless and thus effectively remove him from human nature when he is most needed."

Dr. Ferre speaks of "the Incarnation," but his deceitful language does not mean that God became flesh, that the Creator became a man. He means only that in the same sense that other men may have touch with God that Jesus did.

Here is why Dr. Ferre does not believe in the virgin birth, why he believes that Jesus may have been an illegitimate son of a blond German soldier and of a harlot mother. He does not believe that Jesus was sinless and perfect. He does not believe that Jesus is God. So on page 29 he says, "Such a view of Jesus as sinless needs a biological Virgin Birth to bolster the miracle."

At the bottom of page 30, Dr. Ferre says, "The sinlessness of Jesus is an Umbrella which keeps away from us the truth that God longs to become organically in-

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## THE EDITOR'S Notes

by John R. Rice

### Ministerial Students Consider Temple Seminary

After much prayer, the editor has agreed to serve as vice-president at the Temple Seminary in Chattanooga, a part of the Tennessee Temple Schools, Dr. Lee Roberson, president. Last year the three schools had a total of some 641 day students enrolled. The enrollment this year is larger. The seminary is the smallest of the three schools. However, students in the Temple Seminary come from 24 states in the United States, and with degrees and diplomas from 43 universities, colleges, seminaries, Bible institutes, etc.

The dean of the seminary is Dr. Alfred A. Cierpke, with college training at the University of Cologne, Hamburg, and Konigsberg, Germany, and Columbia University in New York City. His seminary training was in Baptist Theological Seminary, Hamburg, Germany; the Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Philadelphia; Union Theological Seminary, New York City. He has had extensive pastoral and teaching experience, has been a citizen of the United States since 1945.

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The editor has counted it a great privilege to minister annually, with one exception, for fourteen years in the Evansville Rescue Mission. God bless Dr. Reveal and Mrs. Reveal and their work.

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By Evangelist Bill Rice

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of modernism, and put out by a group of men, all but one or two of whom are out-and-out unbelievers, is, it seems to us, a compromise of Christian integrity on the part of a noble contemporary of ours. We like the *Christian Life* magazine. But we feel that to accept ads like this in order to make a few hundred dollars is a betrayal of Christian readers who believe the Bible.

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the Bible. Then they ought not to be advising readers (in paid ads) to buy and read and give the RSV. The new RSV version is NOT the most accurate, it is not the most readable. It is not an unbiased, scholarly translation. We believe it is a deliberately slanted version put out by modernists, partly to break down faith in the Word of God and in the deity of Christ, and that Bible believers should have no part in this sinful work.



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By the Editor

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The Torrey Johnson party then moved to Mansfield, Ohio, for another great union crusade, Novem- ber 21 through December 6. There the music was provided by Doug Fisher and Lowell Leistner and was held in the Johnny Appleseed Auditorium. Among the unusual features of this campaign was the personal ministry of Sam Brown- ing. Browning, a former alcoholic — "the biggest drunkard in An- chorage, Alaska" — was saved and transformed in Torrey Johnson's Alaska campaign last August. Throughout the last week of the meeting Sam Browning responded to calls from many people bur- dened for friends under the domi- nion of drink. Eighteen souls were saved through this personal min- istry alone, and night after night God saved scores under the evan- gelist's preaching.

**EVANGELIST JACK SHULER**, 11 Woodland Lane, Arcadia, Cali- fornia, saw 338 actual first-time decisions for Christ in a campaign sponsored by twenty-three church- es of fourteen denominations which closed December 15.

The spirit among the cooperat- ing churches was reported to have been at a new-time high. The pas- tors of these churches agreed that, "The revival brought great bless- ing to untold individuals and many homes. It has brought new strength to the churches and a new sense of fellowship and unity has been created between the de- nominations."

A good letter from Rev. D. A. Morgan of Jamaica, B.W.I., tells of two revivals conducted there by **EVANGELIST CLIFTON W. BRANNON**, 626 Electra Street, Longview, Texas.

Rev. Morgan said, "We here defi- nitely believe that God called Evangelist Brannon to Jamaica to carry on the work begun by Americans more than a century and a half ago. The hand of the Lord rested upon the party from the very beginning. There was not a service in either of our churches during their stay here in which the power of God was not made mani- fest. There were 337 people glori- ously converted during the cam- paign. In Springfield Baptist Church 220 came forward, and 117 at Buckingham Baptist Church. We have already organized classes to baptize these candidates, and 125 appeared for the first class at Springfield and 117 at Bucking- ham."

**EVANGELIST FREDDIE GAGE**, Box 306, Decatur, Texas, recently closed a revival with Pastor G. W. Garrison and the First Baptist Church of Ringling, Oklahoma. There were twenty-seven conver- sions and forty-five rededications. The pastor commends Evangelist Gage as having the message that every young person should hear.

**EVANGELIST JIM MERCER**, 1222 West 50th St., Minneapolis, Minnesota, has just sent a report on the "New Life Crusade" which he conducted with Dr. Tom Ma- lone and the Emmanuel Baptist Church, October 26 through No- vember 8. Paul Deck led the sing- ing and there were forty-seven first-time decisions.

Evangelist Mercer, with James Stoutenborough leading the sing- ing, also conducted a one-week meeting at the First Baptist Church of Stanton, Rev. Earl Buf- fum, pastor. In this meeting there were thirty converts who will be baptized and join the church.

**EVANGELIST DAN VESTAL**, Seminary Hill, Fort Worth, Texas,

has just completed a revival at Market Street Baptist Church, Houston, Texas, in which there were twenty-six additions. Brother Vestal's next engagement was with the First Baptist Church of Van Vleck, Texas.

**EVANGELIST RALPH HORNE** of Doerun, Georgia, a graduate of Bob Jones University, Greenville, South Carolina, completed a suc- cessful two-week revival ending December 6, 1953, with the Tem- ple Baptist Church, South Norfolk, Virginia. Rev. C. L. Walker, pas- tor. Bill Misters led the singing, and there were twenty converts.

Our good friend and beloved evangelist, **DEL FEHSENFELD** has sent us a schedule of his re- vival campaigns for the next sev- eral months. It is:

February 2-13, Springvale Church, Kansas City, Kansas

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February 15-28, South Central Baptist, Phoenix, Arizona

March 3-7, Golinda Baptist Church, Waco, Texas

March 8-14, Concord Baptist Church, Waco, Texas

April 1-18, Northside Baptist Church, Miami, Florida

April 20-May 2, First Baptist Church, Meeker, Oklahoma.

Brother Fehsenfeld has March 15-April 1 open. Any church or group of churches who would like this Spirit-filled evangelist for a revival at that time may contact him at 4521 Jarboe, Kansas City, Missouri.

The pastor of the Methodist Church at Magnolia, Illinois, writes concerning a meeting conducted by **EVANGELIST CLIFF ROBIN- SON**, 1707 Kirby Ave., Chattanooga, Tennessee:

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**EVANGELIST CLIFF ROBIN- SON**, 1707 Kirby Avenue, Chat- tanooga, Tennessee, conducted a revival campaign with the Father- land Baptist Church of Nashville, Tennessee, December 6 through 13. There were seventeen additions to the church and six rededications. Evangelist Robinson writes, "most of the additions were on profession of faith."

The fine pastor of the church is Rev. W. W. Miles.

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## Book Reviews

BOOK REVIEWS IN THIS COLUMN WILL USUALLY BE BY JUDGES OF THE SWORD BOOK CLUB AND WILL BE SIGNED.

**OUTLINE STUDIES IN THE NEW TESTAMENT**, by William G. Moorehead. Baker Book House, 247 pages, \$3.50.

In this volume the distinguished Professor from Xenia Theological Seminary writes of the Book of the Acts and the Epistle to the Romans, I and II Corinthians, Galatians and Ephesians. There is an analysis of each of the books, showing the epistle as a whole and an exposition of the principle sec- tions of each, revealing its mean- ing with regard to the whole. Dr. Moorehead was a well known Bible scholar in his day, and he has brought the wealth of his knowledge to this work. It will prove a great help to the Bible student, enabling him to better understand the meaning of this important section of the Divine Word.

T. ROLAND PHILIPS

**INS AND OUTS OF ROMAN- ISM**, by Joseph Zacchello. The Convert, 189 pages, \$2.00.

I am placing this book first be- cause it is a good book. I place it first also because it contains a warning which America badly needs. Joseph Zacchello, as a former Roman Catholic priest, is in a position to write authoritatively upon the subject of Romanism, its errors, its bigotry, and the danger to freedom which is intrin- sic in it. Many a well-known American religious writer might envy the Italian-born Zacchello his ability to use the English lan- guage. He writes clearly, simply, and incisively. Every American Catholic, whether he accepts the dogmas and tyranny of the Church thoughtlessly or whether he sin- cerely believes that the doctrines and attitudes of the Roman Church are intelligent, reasonable, scriptural, and divinely inspired, should read this book. It would help him to recognize the old har- lot of the seven hills for what she really is.

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**JEHOVAH OF THE WATCH- TOWER**, by Walter R. Martin and Norman H. Klann. Van Kam- pen Press, 117 pages, \$1.75.

This is a very excellent and de- pendable study of the history and teaching of the organization now known as Jehovah's Witnesses. The authors trace the rise and growth of this cult from its be- ginning in 1881 to the present time; and also contrast its teach- ings with the teaching of the Bible. The character of Pastor Russell, founder of the cult, is seen to be unworthy of one who is used of God. And the teachings are proven to be contrary to the teachings of the Word of God. This book is sorely needed as thousands of good earnest people are being led astray by this erroneous teach- ing. The book is illustrated and well documented. The reader is referred to court records and other unassailable proofs for the state- ments that are made.

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## A Correction

Just before going to press we are glad to correct a false im- pression received by some who read Dr. Robert Ketcham's article on "Which Way, Southern Bap- tist?" THE SWORD does not criti- cize Southern Baptist for expan- sion throughout the nation. We commend their missionary zeal. We believe Dr. Ketcham does not criticize this expansion. As far as we know, the principle opposi- tion to Southern Baptist expansion throughout the nation has come from American Baptist Convention people, not Regular Baptists, cer- tainly not THE SWORD.

We are extremely glad to find also that Dr. Nels F. S. Ferre did

not speak at the Baptist Student Convention from November 6 to 8 at the First Baptist Church in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, as had been planned. We are told that the invitation was cancelled and we thank God for these noble men who refused to have this infidel speak to Southern Baptist college young people.

Now Southern Baptist Seminary should repudiate him and acknow- ledge they were wrong to have him deliver the Gay lectures in 1947 and Southern Baptist bookstores should discontinue handling his books so Southern Baptist skirts can officially be cleared concerning this infidel.

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## GLIMPSES OF A SACRED LAND

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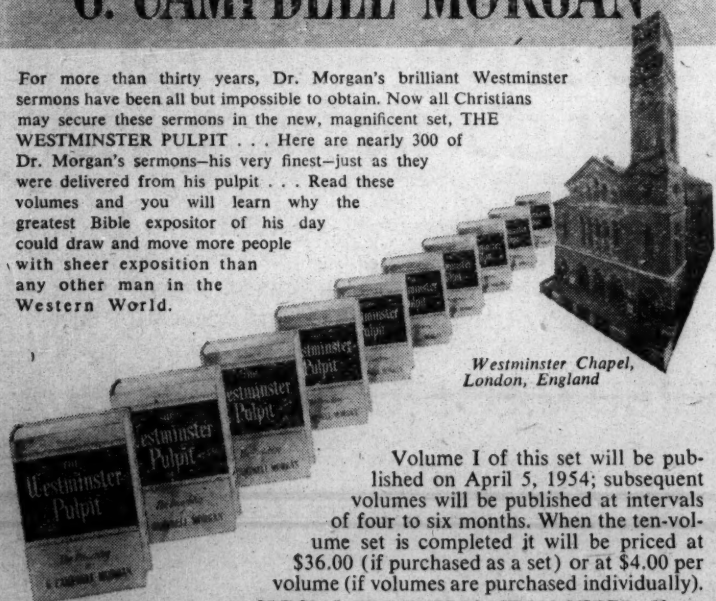
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At the Anniversary Rally many pastors, of course, wanted him to discuss the secret of drawing great crowds and building a great church and Sunday School. One of the main points Dr. Roberson stressed was "Variety." Do not go through the same routine week in and week out. Do not keep in

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a rut. Strive for variety. Variety in preliminary service, variety in singing, variety in preaching, etc. He suggested a variety of visiting preachers and speakers.

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As an evangelist I realize that I hardly ever preach or teach on a subject that the pastor has not already covered again and again and again. And yet my message is needful for I bring an added emphasis to back up the preaching of the pastor. Perhaps I present the same truth in a little different way that will cause some one to consider seriously some matter he has thought little about before. The purpose of a film is not to take place of a pastor or teacher but rather to give added emphasis to great Gospel teaching and preaching. I use Gospel films in revival campaigns right along, but they certainly do not take the place of my preaching. As a matter of fact, the Gospel film usually takes the place of nothing but a Gospel Film! We have a full song service, announcements and offering. Nothing is rushed. Then I preach and I am a fairly long-winded preacher. (I still believe that sermonettes are usually by preacherettes or Christianettes!) Then, after the invitation is over, and it is time to dismiss the service, I usually announce we are going to show a film, tell what it is, how long it is, and what it is about. I invite everyone who wishes to do so, to remain to see it, but make it clear that everyone must feel perfectly free to go if he desires. As a rule, about 98% of the audience will remain! I use the film to supplement the message or to emphasize some other phase of Gospel truth.

Of course it is only fair to say that I vary this procedure. Some-

times of course I do not show any film at all. And, again, I may show a film that is an hour long, and then only preach 15 or 20 minutes. I have no set way of doing it, but I definitely know that films, when properly used, may be able to add greatly to the effectiveness of a regular preaching service.

### Attracts Unsaved People

Films can often be used successfully, as "bait" to bring in unsaved people. There are many people who hardly ever go to church to hear a Gospel sermon. Perhaps they do not like the preacher. More likely they do not want to hear sound preaching that will rebuke them for their sins. There are young folks who feel that the church is only for the old folks. There are wicked folks who think the church is only for the good folks. There are good folks who think that the church is only for the wicked ones! But plenty of these who hardly ever go to church may be attracted by a Gospel film. Many people have gone to see some preacher on film who would not go to hear the same man preach in person! And it is important that you attract visitors to your church. In the first place, it may well be that the message in the film will win many to Christ. And if not, the visitor may be willing to come to church again for other services.

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"Call of the Navajo" by New Life Films is one of the greatest missionary pictures I have ever seen. There are many laughs and many tears in this picture as the story unfolds—the story of how God worked through a missionary to bring a gallant Indian boy to Christ.

"The Gathering Storm" is another splendid film by World Vision, edited by Bob Pierce. This is the first Gospel film to be made for the new wide screen process. I definitely felt the message to be sensational, honest, hard-hitting and timely.

Personally, I am sold on Bob Pierce and would believe anything he said. But if I had never heard of him, I would be sold on this film that shows the need of reaching Asia NOW! Vivid, gripping pictures of Hindu worship, Shintoism. My own heart was impressed again with the urgency of reaching Asia now while doors for missionaries are still open.

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"The Burning Answer" is a new film produced by Good News Productions for Rev. Paul Freed and International Evangelism and is the first Gospel film made by the spectacular three dimensional (3-D) process. Special glasses must be worn while viewing this film. The message of the film is excellent. The story is of a young married couple's experiences with communism in France. It is intensely interesting (no one will fall asleep during this picture. It is exciting). There is a fine Gospel testimony in this film.

Approximately 45 minutes long, in color.

The Baptista Company has just produced an hour-long missionary film in color, "Light in the Jun-

gle." If you would like to really know how a missionary approaches a heathen about God, then by all means get this film. Beautifully produced, it is an honest portrayal of the thinking of heathen in the jungles of Africa, the problems of superstition and witchcraft faced by the missionary, and the technique used in presenting the Gospel.

There are so many other wonderful missionary pictures that I hardly know what to mention. "The Great Light," by Gospel Films, Inc.; "The Flame," of World Vision, Inc.; and their newest film, "This Gathering Storm"; "Banderilla," the story of the Gospel struggle in Spain, by International Evangelism, and their new 3-D picture, "The Burning Answer"; "Air Mail from God," by Baptista—all of these are films to acquaint you with mission fields, films to teach, films to inspire, films to challenge.

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Good Gospel films about the Bible and science are extremely helpful for strengthening the faith of your young people in the Bible. Along this line the Moody Bible Institute has produced the best. It would be almost impossible for young people to see the Institute's films without becoming convinced that God created the heavens and the earth, as the Bible clearly teaches. The work of His hands is seen on every side. And your young people will be persuaded that this God loves them personally and wants to see them saved. Perhaps "The God of Creation" is the finest of these films, but "Voice of the Deep," "Dust or Destiny," "The God of the Atom," and their newest film, "Prior Claim," are all produced expertly and all are profitable.

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## Drama

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Evangel Films is experiencing an ever-increasing ministry through "Missing Christians," "Contrary Winds," and other films. They have just produced "Shadows of His Glory," a film based on the Old Testament tabernacle. In keeping with the evangelistic purpose of all Evangel films, it has a happy ending as a soul is saved.

Unusual Films' "Miracles," is a powerful dramatic film, presenting one of the most thrilling conversion stories you ever heard.

The Pacific Garden Mission's "Out of the Night" and "The Street" present forceful Gospel messages.

"The Way Out," the new film by our old friend, Rev. Ford Porter of Berean Gospel Distributors, is a powerful story based on the true experience of a burglar saved through a Gospel tract.

Living Word Films has produced a series of dramatic films on the life of Christ: "The Quest" (an impressive film based on John, chapter 3), "The Last Supper," "The Crucifixion," "The Risen Christ," etc. This series is Biblical in detail, reverently portrayed, as adapted from the very popular Zion Passion Play.

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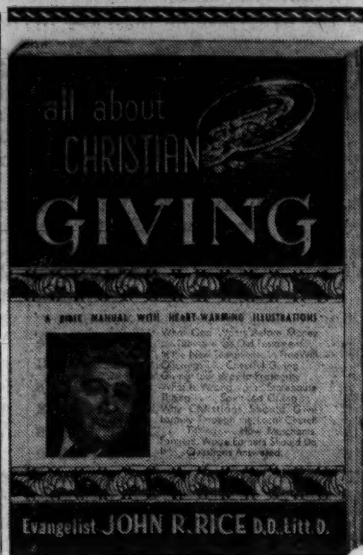
"No Vacant Chairs," "They Follow On," and others by Moody Bible Bible Institute are very helpful. These films actually teach Sunday School teachers and officers how to do a better job, and even more important, perhaps, they make them want to do it.

Scripture Press has also produced a number of wonderfully fine films to help Sunday School teachers and officers in their work: "God's Acre of Diamonds," "Doorways to Decision," "Stars in your Crown" (black and white; twenty minutes).

## Miscellaneous

And there are many other fine Gospel films that seem to come under no particular heading. For example: The Dynamic Kernels Foundation has a film showing the results of tithing. This film has

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"Assignment to Jerusalem" is a story of the Winona Lake School of Theology on its tour to the Holy Land. There are interesting scenes and discussions of England, France, Greece and, of course, the Holy Land.

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# Slides and Filmstrips

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carnate in us—that the Light of the Sun is for us all. Christ is in us 'the hope of glory' even though we are not sinless." Here Dr. Ferre says that Jesus was a normal human being, that He sinned as we sin, and so we can live in the full light of God's fellowship just as well as Jesus did.

## 5. Ferre Declares That Jesus Did Not Die a Sacrificial Death for Our Sins

I know the reader will be shocked, but read carefully what Dr. Ferre says. On pages 30 and 31 we find the following:

"The reason for stressing this fact of Jesus' full humanity is not a desire to attribute sin to the strong Son of God. His life, in all its crises, was wonderfully victorious over temptation. We all reverence his life in the power of its inner purity. The reason is rather in principle to assure the reality of the Incarnation: without sinning the sinless Christ became conclusively and organically dominant in the normal human being, Jesus. Jesus was real and fully one of us. He had no artificial childhood and growth. He learned, even to be good, through teachers and experience. In such a man God won history's decisive victory. Through him sin, law and death were lit up and seen for what they were, and conquered both in a particular life and in universal principle.

"In such a man God's nature and purpose to create and redeem became fulfilled even while man's nature and destiny became organically disclosed and enacted. Incarnation is central to our understanding of both God and man. We start our understanding with Christ Jesus as

God's authentic presence in a genuine human being. All of life and the very reason for its being must be understood from this point. The center of history runs at the place where God and man meet in organic completeness. The hopes, judgment, forgiveness and creative newness of the lives of all of us are tied together organically with this event. For this reason we dare not forfeit the fullness of of the Gospel to an inadequate theology which finds support in some verses of the Bible and explains away the others. Incarnation must not be limited either in the life of Jesus or in its organic meaning and power for all lives. The sinlessness of Jesus is an Umbrella which keeps away from us the truth that God longs to become organically incarnate in us—that the Light of the Sun is for us all. Christ is in us 'the hope of glory' even though we are not sinless."

Now note some awful statements in the preceding passage.

First, Ferre admits that the sacrificial death of Jesus Christ is taught in the Bible, particularly in the New Testament. He says that in the book of Hebrews is not "a house of Legality," which he called the Old Testament law, "but an Umbrella," which shuts out much of the light of God. He admits that, according to the New Testament, the law of God "remains the standard for becoming righteous."

Then Dr. Ferre says, "The God of love needs no placating, no offering once for all to satisfy him." This is intended to be a categorical denial of the statement of Hebrews 10:12, "But this man, after he had offered one

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sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God." Ferre categorically denies the following statement from Hebrews 10:14, "For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified."

Dr. Ferre is denying the New Testament teaching that "Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures" (I Cor. 15:3). He is denying the clear statement of I John 2:1,2, "... And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for our's only, but also for the sins of the whole world."

Dr. Ferre admits that the sacrificial death of Christ as an offering to pay for sin is taught in the New Testament. But he categorically denies it. He denies the Scripture which says, "Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot" (I Pet. 1:18,19).

Dr. Ferre admits that Christian theology is based on the New Testament, but he says:

"By doctrines insisting on a bloodthirsty God—that is, that He required Jesus' death before He could allow Himself to love us, so that He even sent His son basically to die—Christian theology effectively denied that God as God, the Father Himself, is naturally and eternally love. It built an Umbrella to keep the Sun from shining directly to a world which, however much it may shun the Sun, sorely needs it. 'Christian' theology became an ally with the world in denying the naturalness of the love of God."

Here Dr. Ferre says that the idea of the atoning death of Jesus Christ is an Umbrella that shuts out the sun of God's love! He says that writers of the New Testament wrote this in not understanding God, and that the New Testament is wrong in teaching the atoning death of Christ who died for our sins.

### 6. Dr. Ferre Plainly Says That Any Doctrine of a Second Coming of Christ Is False Doctrine, An Umbrella That Shuts Out God's Love!

On page 33 of the book, *The Sun and the Umbrella*, read the following:

"The doctrine of the Second Coming became, perhaps, the darkest of all the Umbrellas. It completely shut out the living God, embracing and reconciling all men within His eternal time and power. Instead, the doctrine of the Second Coming denied the concept, as Jesus stated it, of God's being love, for all mankind would be extinguished or tormented forever except the few who would escape punishment through faith in the merits of Jesus. It seems doubtful that Jesus ever taught such a doctrine."

Please note that Dr. Ferre is not talking about premillennial teaching. He simply says that the doctrine that Christ is coming again is perhaps the darkest of all the Umbrellas that keep people from the light of God! And he explains what he means. He understands that the New Testament teaches that the personal return of Christ will involve judgment, Heaven, Hell, everlasting life for believers, everlasting punishment for unrepentant sinners. And that he here repudiates.

Dr. Ferre hates the idea that all will be lost "except the few who would escape punishment through faith in the merits of Jesus." He repudiates the doctrine of a return of Christ because he repudiates all that the Bible has to say about coming judgment, about the punishment of sin, about Hell and Heaven, particularly about salvation that comes "through faith in the merits of Jesus." His objection to this doctrine is simply the objection that Bob Ingersoll had against Christianity. He did not believe that Jesus was what He claimed to

be. He did not believe the New Testament. He did not believe that people were saved by faith. He did not believe that Jesus died for our sins, and that people would be saved "through faith in the merits of Jesus." This is the position of ungodly infidels everywhere.

But the quotation above stops in the middle of a paragraph. Let's give more of that paragraph, starting with the last sentence quoted above:

"It seems doubtful that Jesus ever taught such a doctrine. If Jesus himself held such a view, there is a curious, but understandable division between his revolutionary understanding of God as love and the implications of that love. Such a state is not impossible, for great seers and scientists seldom see all the involvements of their main discovery."

What does the Methodist theologian and teacher of religion here say? He says that the doctrine of escaping punishment "through faith in the merits of Jesus" and of unrepentant sinners going to Hell, is wrong, and, "It seems doubtful that Jesus ever taught such a doctrine." The New Testament teaches it, of course, and quotes Jesus as teaching it. Dr. Ferre hopes that the New Testament writers are wrong, but he says, "If Jesus himself held such a view, there is a curious, but understandable division between his revolutionary understanding of God as love and the implications of that love. Such a state is not impossible, for great seers and scientists seldom see all the involvements of their main discovery."

Dr. Ferre says that Jesus discovered that God is love, but perhaps Jesus did not understand all that was involved in that love! Like other scientists and seers, Jesus probably saw only part of it, and that is understandable, says Dr. Ferre!

Even if Jesus taught a literal return to earth, taught a judgment, taught those who trusted in the merits of Jesus would escape punishment, and those who held onto their sins and would not come to Christ, will enter into everlasting punishment—even if Jesus taught that, Dr. Ferre smiles it off and says that Jesus probably didn't understand all the implications of it. He, Dr. Ferre, of course, understands it, but Jesus did not!

### 7. Dr. Ferre Plainly Declares That "to Call Jesus God Is Idolatry"

It is not surprising, after we learn that Ferre declares Jesus was sinful, that Jesus did not understand all the implications of His teaching, that Jesus was wrong in teaching salvation by the atoning blood—it is not surprising then to hear Dr. Ferre deny outright that Jesus is God and to say that if we worship Jesus it is idolatry!

On page 35 read the following: "Modern theology is rampant with idolatry. Even the World Council of Churches is, in fact, denying the Christ when it makes central not the Anointed but the anointed, not the One who raised Jesus from the dead but the one who was raised, not the Sender but the one sent. To call Jesus God is to substitute an idol for Incarnation; to call him Savior, in the ultimate sense, is to deny that all salvation comes from God our Savior and from Him alone in order that God might be all in all. Jesus is savior only by virtue of the fact that God was in him reconciling the world to Himself, a saviorhood in which we must all participate in order to be saved."

Read that again. It is deadly poison. Ferre even says that the statement of faith of the World Council of Churches, calling Jesus "our divine Lord and Saviour," is guilty of idolatry.

Ferre calls God the Anointed (capital A), but he calls Jesus the anointed (small a). Go through the paragraph and see again that in every case he uses the small letter in words representing Jesus Christ, and uses capitals for words representing God the Father. It is intended to be an outright

denial of Christ's deity. He intends to capitalize first letters of words personifying deity, not to capitalize first letters of words personifying Jesus Christ.

Ferre says, "To call Jesus God is to substitute an idol for Incarnation."

But is Jesus God?

The Bible calls Him God. Isaiah 9:6 says, "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God!" The Child born at Bethlehem is called "The mighty God."

Hebrews 1:8 declares, "But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom." Here God the Father says to Jesus, "Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever." Jesus is God.

Jesus Himself plainly claimed to be deity. He said to the Jews, "Ye are from beneath; I am from above: ye are of this world; I am not of this world" (John 8:23). Jesus plainly said, "For I proceeded forth and came from God" (John 8:42). Jesus is plainly declared to be the very Creator who made all things and upholds all things (John 1:3; Col. 1:16,17). The Bible calls Jesus the brightness of God's glory, and "the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power" (Heb. 1:3).

Every Christian creed holds that Jesus is God Incarnate. To deny that is to deny Christianity, to deny the Bible, to deny Jesus Christ; and no infidel can do more.

Go back to the paragraph quoted above, on page 35 of the book, *The Sun and the Umbrella*; in the last sentence Ferre says, "Jesus is savior only by virtue of the fact that God was in him reconciling the world to Himself, a saviorhood in which we must all participate in order to be saved." Ferre says that in order to be saved, the rest of us must be saviors in the same sense that Jesus was, since Jesus is not God and we are not God. Jesus was a

sinful human, and we are sinful humans.

On pages 36 and 37 this theme, that it is idolatry to worship Jesus, is discussed further:

"The eternal Purpose of God is then to indwell and to fulfill man; the deepest need of man's created nature is to be filled full of God. This alone is the meaning of the Incarnation which is not idolatry. God alone is to be worshipped. He is the Sun; He alone is the original, uncreate Light, invisible, eternal, in its fullness, ineffable."

Note again that Ferre says that man's created nature "is to be filled full of God. This alone is the meaning of the Incarnation which is not idolatry." Jesus was a man "filled full of God." We as men also should be "filled full of God," just like Jesus. In other words, Jesus is not deity, Jesus is not God's sinless Son come to be a ransom for sin. No, He is simply

a good man, and we ought to be good men likewise. So says Dr. Ferre. He calls this "the Incarnation." That is a perversion of the term. That is not what the term means in theology, and not what the Bible teaches. It is a deceitful misuse of the term. But, says Dr. Ferre, to make Jesus more than this is idolatry! He says that God alone is to be worshipped, and Jesus is not God, so we should not worship Jesus. On page 37 he says that Jesus was "not by any priestly offering to placate the Father or to persuade Him to forgive and take back the prodigal. . . ." He says that Jesus is not a mediator between God and men, and that the idea of the deity of Christ is an Umbrella that shuts out the light of God's presence and love.

What blasphemy!

God willing, we will have more next week, exposing further wicked folly of this Methodist infidel teacher of religion.

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## Are You Sick?

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three hardest to pronounce are, "You were right." Undoubtedly, Mr. Murphy was correct. Honest confession of faults is, if not the most difficult thing that Christians ever have to do, one of the most difficult. Of course, it is more difficult than thanksgiving, though this, as I have just said, is sorely neglected by good people even, but the confession of faults is harder to do.

Satan knows that if we honestly confess our sins, they are forgiven, and he knows that if we honestly confess them we cease from them and therefore he fights every inch of the road that a Christian walks toward confession.

### A Personal Incident

I remember some years ago, perhaps eight or ten, when Mrs. Blanchard was quite sick. She is a physician and has been, by the grace of God, a very successful physician. I have myself seen her, under God, raise a young man from the very edge of the grave, when the physician in charge was letting him die as fast as he could. I have never been particularly disturbed when she has reported illness, thinking that she knew what to do, would do it, and that shortly it would pass away. I felt and acted in this manner at the time of which I am speaking. She took the remedies which she had given to many others, but for some reason they produced no satisfactory results. Days grew into weeks, and weeks into months, and there was no improvement. She began to look really haggard and sick. She said to me one day: "I do not believe I shall be any better unless I go to the hospital and have an operation." I said: "Very well," and she said: "If you will call up the Presbyterian Hospital and arrange for a room, I will see Dr. Sarah Hackett Stevenson and ask her if she

will operate on me." I called the hospital and arranged for the room. She saw Dr. Stevenson, who agreed to operate.

We were waiting a day or two, when she said to me: "I think perhaps I would like to go down to Detroit and see Belle before I go to the hospital. One cannot tell just how soon one can get out after an operation," and I said: "Yes, that is well. Go to Detroit." So she went to Detroit and had her visit with our oldest daughter, her husband and baby, and returned no better, but rather worse.

At this time it dawned on me that I had not in a definite way committed her to God. I had not received because I had not definitely asked. So I went to prayer and immediately the Holy Spirit said to me: "Have you confessed your faults?" and, reflecting, I said: "No," and He said: "You must confess your faults." We were not living in an unkindly fashion, but there are many things in home lives which are not just as they ought to be. There were some of these things to my account and I acknowledged them. Then I went to pray, and I said: "Lord, you see that your child is sick. We have been arranging for the hospital. You know that that takes time. It takes money. It involves danger; even the minor operations do not always result happily. You have the power; you can speak the word, if you will. Please help."

The next morning when I looked across to see her face, it showed evident improvement. She was better in appearance than she had been for weeks. When she spoke, she said: "I feel differently; I have not felt so well for a long time." So I thanked God, but I did not at that time tell her of my special prayer. Again, however, I asked God to perfect the work—to drive away the disease and make her well. The second morning she looked like a young woman, though she was about fifty years of age at that time. That disease left her as if it were a bird and had wings. It has never come near her since. She has had other ailments of one kind and another, but that particular disease has gone away. We do not know that it will ever come back. We have no desire to see it again. Some wise men tell me that her time had not come, that she would have recovered without prayer. I will not say that this is not true, for I am not a prophet; I am a witness.

I know that there was no improvement before the confession and prayer. I know that there was a steady increase in unfavorable conditions. I know that although she is a physician and is not given to special alarms, she felt afraid about herself, and I know that after I confessed my faults and prayed for her, God healed her, and so far as that trouble is concerned, she has been well ever since.

### Only a Testimony

I hesitate whether to narrate this story in the first person or not. On some accounts I should have preferred not to do so, but a

witness has to say "I." No court cares to hear him say "you" or "them." He must say "I," so on reflection I have given my testimony as it lies in my mind, and it is a true testimony. One may say to me: "Has death never entered your home?" Yes, it has. "Did you confess your faults and pray then?" Not in a faithful manner. If I had done so I am free to say today that I believe I could have been spared the fierce trials that did come to me years before, but I do not give the testimony because I think I am qualified to give instructions to other people—I give my testimony as it occurred and largely because of my own previous failures, for some of my brethren feel, as I did, and if God would help them to do thorough work in this manner, as on this particular occasion He enabled me, I believe they would find, as I did, that when we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive them, and that if we confess our faults one to another, and pray one for another, healing will come into our homes. I do not happen to have had in my personal experience knowledge of similar instances in the lives of others. I hope there are very few who need to make confessions before they pray for the sick, but evidently some do or else James 5:16 would never have been written. The Holy Spirit says: "Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another."

Of course some people need to do this or there would be no such injunction. I needed to do it. I needed to have done it long before I did. If I had done it earlier, it would have saved me much, but I am glad I learned the lesson at last and that God helped me on that particular occasion to triumph through His grace. If I have need I hope to triumph again, and if these words are read by someone who has a like need, I pray that God will enable him to triumph.

Perhaps this will be as good a place as any for me to speak a little further respecting prayer for the sick, for I have, by God's grace, been enabled to see a number of cases where death seemed close at hand and where prayer to God drove it away.

### Gifts of Healing

The Bible clearly intimates that God bestows upon certain persons what are called "gifts of healing," upon others "pastoral gifts," upon others "teaching gifts," etc. I was made teacher, though certain other gifts in smaller measures have been bestowed upon me. I never had nor aspired to gifts of healing, but I have desired to be helpful to sick and burdened people and I have at times prayed for them. No doubt many others did also, and I have seen most remarkable healings. For the encouragement of those who are called to pray for the sick, I would like to be helpful to them and I will mention another instance.

I came into my office one morning to begin my day's work, and just as I was about to take it up, a lady, very much excited, came in and said that I was desired to go and pray in a home where a child was dying. I said to her: "It is impossible for me to go at this time, but I will send a brother who can do so," and I asked the Rev. Mr. Hall, at that time the assistant pastor of our church, a man of faith and of the Holy Spirit, to go in my stead. He did so, but returned after a time, saying that the family would be glad if I would come to the house. I went, stopping at our home on the way and taking Mrs. Blanchard with me.

A gentleman opened the door of the house, and as he did so, I said to him: "Are you the father of this child who is so ill?" He said: "Yes." I said to him: "Well, are you a Christian man?" He said to me: "Mr. Blanchard, I am a traveling man. You know how hard it is for a traveling man to be a Christian, but I do believe in God and I do believe in Jesus Christ and I try to be a Christian." I went on to the lounge where his wife was lying, herself just out of the hospital and very frail. She held my hand convulsively and sobbed bitterly as she said: "Mr. Blanchard, I say, 'Thy will be done.' You know how hard it is to say, 'Thy will be done,' but I say: 'Thy will be done.'"

I went on into the next room.

## Hating Sin

There is only one thing to do with sin—hate it. Hate it in your own life. Hate it in the lives of others. The following selected illustration should encourage us:

"When the Emperor of Constantinople arrested Chrysostom, and thought of trying to make him recant, the great preacher slowly shook his head. The Emperor said to his attendants, 'Put him in prison.' 'No,' said one of them 'he will be glad to go, for he delights in the presence of his God in quiet.' 'Well, then let us execute him,' said the emperor. 'He will be glad to die,' said the attendant, 'for he wants to go to Heaven—I heard him say so the other day. There is only one thing that can give Chrysostom pain, and that is, to make him sin; he said he was afraid of nothing but sin. If you can make him sin, you will make him unhappy.' Oh, that God would make us like Chrysostom!—Selected.

The little babe was lying on a pillow held in the lap of a neighbor. The doctor who had been attending him was sitting before him, his elbow on his knee, his chin resting in his hand, waiting to see the end. Already they had telephoned the nurse that it was unnecessary for her to come, that the baby was practically dead and she would be of no service. It was impossible for me to see a sign of life in the child. There was not a trace of color. I could not see the slightest movement of the lungs. If the child had been in a coffin, no one would have objected to burial from anything which was obvious. But we prayed for the little fellow, and as I went back I said to the mother: "I think that God will give you back your baby." At five o'clock that evening I telephoned the house to know how the little one was getting on. The person who answered the phone said: "Baby is sleeping quietly. The pink has come back into his cheeks. We think he is getting well." Three days later, as I was about to leave town, I phoned the house and the mother answered the phone. I said: "How is baby?" She said: "He is very well—getting on nicely," and then she added: "People used to tell me that God does not work miracles in these days, but I know He does. He has worked one in this house."

I have no doubt whatever that what she said was literally true. Of course God works miracles. The springtime is an uncounted host of miracles. We should be speechless with wonder, were it not that we are so accustomed to it. [I have recorded a number of the things which I have put into this book, in "The Christian Endeavor World," edited by my great friend, Dr. Amos R. Wells. When I planned this book I asked him if I might repeat stories which he had given to the great audiences which he addresses, and, as he is accustomed, he generously replied: "Of course."]

I cannot remember just where I have printed this story which I am about to relate in this more permanent form. I know that I gave it to the readers of "The Evangelical Christian," of Toronto, Canada, edited by my dear friend, Rev. R. V. Bingham, Secretary of the Sudan Mission, and very likely it has gotten before other audiences as well, but it is a most remarkable story. It came at first hand and it is an encouragement to men to pray. It does not belong more properly in this chapter than in several others, but as I am speaking of healing, though this particular case is not connected with the duty of confession, I will record it here.

### A Railroad Engineer Testifies

I was a few weeks ago in the Eighth Avenue Mission in New York. On the platform by me sat a gentleman, to whom I was introduced, but whom I had never before seen. When the meeting had progressed for an hour or so, Miss Wray, the superintendent, called upon him for a testimony. He said: "Friends, about two and a half or three years ago I was in the hospital in Philadelphia. I was an engineer on the Pennsylvania Lines, and although I had a praying wife, I had all my life been a sinful man. At this time I was very ill. I became greatly wasted. I

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weighed less than one hundred pounds. Finally the doctor who was attending me said to my wife that I was dead, but she said: 'No, he is not dead. He cannot be dead. I have prayed for him for twenty-seven years and God has promised me that he should be saved. Do you think God would let him die now after I have prayed twenty-seven years and God has promised and he is not saved?' 'Well,' the doctor replied, 'I do not know anything about that, but I know that he is dead.' And the screen was drawn around the cot, which in the hospital separates between the living and the dead.

"To satisfy my wife, other physicians were brought, one after another, until seven were about the cot, and each one of them as he came up and made the examination confirmed the testimony of all who had preceded. The seven doctors said that I was dead. Meanwhile my wife was kneeling by the side of my cot, insisting that I was not dead—that if I were dead God would bring me back, for He had promised her that I should be saved and I was not yet saved. By and by her knees began to pain her, kneeling on the hard hospital floor. She asked the nurse for a pillow and the nurse brought her a pillow upon which she knelt. One hour, two hours, three hours passed. The screen still stood by the cot. I was lying there still, apparently dead. Four hours, five hours, six hours, seven hours, thirteen hours passed, and all this while my wife was kneeling by the cot side, and when people remonstrated and wished her to go away she said: 'No, he has to be saved. God will bring him back if he is dead. He is not dead. He cannot die until he is saved.'

"At the end of thirteen hours I opened my eyes, and she said: 'What do you wish, my dear?' And I said: 'I wish to go home,' and she said: 'You shall go home.' But when she proposed it, the doctors raised their hands in horror. They said, 'Why, it will kill him. It will be suicide.' She said: 'You have had your turn. You said he was dead already. I am going to take him home.'

"I weigh now 246 pounds. I still run a fast train on the Pennsylvania Lines. I have been out to Minneapolis on a little vacation, telling men what Jesus can do, and I am glad to tell you what Jesus can do."

I am absolutely certain that God is waiting to answer prayer—waiting to answer prayers for many. At times there are hindering things. Sometimes there are unconfessed faults. These are a deadly obstacle. Let us put them out of the way, so that we may pray one for another and see men healed.

There never could have been the false faiths believed in and alleged healings which now prevail if only men would act according to the Scriptures in the case of those who are sick. It is so easy for Satan to get people to say that there is no sickness, so much easier than the Holy Spirit finds it to get men to confess their faults one to another, and pray one for another that they may be healed.

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cause of their vileness. He burned all the inhabitants to death because of their sins. God maneuvered the armies of Pharaoh into the middle of the Red Sea after the children of Israel had walked

across on dry ground, waited until they got in the middle, and then drowned the whole crowd.

The Lord slew 185,000 soldiers in Sennacherib's army at one time! When Lot went down to Sodom and vexed his righteous soul with the filthy conversation of the wicked, God rooted him out of that city of iniquity with a shower of fire. Lot lost his cows, his wife; lost every dollar he had accumulated. The drastic dealings God has had with men makes your hair stand on end. The Spirit of God records these judgments on individuals to warn us that we will pay the price if we harbor or practice sin.

### What Is Sin?

What is sin? People don't know what sin is. The Bible definition of sin is 'falling short of what you ought to be.' Imperfection! God demands perfection. None of us are perfect. God puts a chalk mark on the wall and says, "Go over there and measure up to that mark. The mark says 'perfection.' We can't measure up to that standard. Sin is missing the mark. Sin is falling short of what we ought to be. Sin is failing to keep the laws of God. Sin is falling short of what God wants you to be.

### Every Person Is a Sinner

Sin is universal. That is easy to see. In your city you have a police force. This force of men is for your protection from the thieves, the wicked, the enemies of your happiness. I know sin prevails in your city because every mother bears children here in great physical pain and sorrow. This is a part of the curse God put on the woman because of sin.

I know every man in this world is a sinner; every man has to work by the sweat of his brow for his daily bread. This is part of the curse God put on man and the earth because of sin.

I know everyone in this city, this county, is a sinner because everyone in this city eventually will die. Have you ever known anyone in this country who lived past the limits of life who did not die? No! Every man in this city, this county, this world will eventually die. Death is the end of sin. Death is the direct result of man's first sin. All have sinned; all men die.

Not one of us can claim not to be a sinner. I have met a few people who have tried to convince me that they were not bad sinners. I met such a lady in Bluefield, West Virginia. This well-dressed woman came forward on the salvation invitation. I took her hand and prepared to give her a prayer to repeat after me. The prayer I usually give is, "Dear Lord, I know that I am a no-good sinner. I know I can't save myself. I do need forgiveness for my awful sins. I can't do without you, Jesus. Please forgive me for my many sins. I here and now receive You into my heart as my personal Saviour. I'll try to live for You from this night on. I pray my prayer in Jesus name. Amen!" Thousands of people seeking to be saved have prayed this prayer with me during the past ten years.

I took this woman's hand and began to give her the prayer to repeat after me. "Dear Lord, I know I'm a no-good sinner." She never said a word. I looked at her and said, "Don't you want to be saved?"

She said, "Yes, Eddie, I do want to be saved, but I'm not a sinner." "Then you can't be saved," I said. "Jesus only died for sinners." "But, Mr. Martin," she replied, "I'm a good sinner."

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"A good sinner! Lady there are no good sinners. You will have to take your seat. God can't save you until you become conscious that you are a no-good sinner and need His forgiveness."

"But, Mr. Martin, you don't understand. I'm really not a bad sinner."

Losing my patience with her, I told her to go back and sit down. She held on to my hand with a vice-like grip. Finally she looked me in the eyes and said, "Oh, please forgive me. I know I am a no-good, Hell-deserving sinner. I am a proud, no-good sinner. I do need Christ to forgive me of my sins."

"Wonderful! Now, lady, you are ready to do business with God." We prayed together there at the front, thousands of people looking on. The lady came clean with God. God saved her. But she never would have been saved had she not changed her attitude. None of us are good sinners. We are all big sinners, bad sinners.

There are many people in this world who think they are good sinners. A good sinner? I am going to show you that one sin can keep you out of Heaven. I find people coming to my evangelistic meetings with their little spiritual umbrellas. As soon as I get ready to preach, they reach down under the seat, get their little umbrella, put it up over their head, and there they sit, huddled under the umbrella. As I preach away, the truth falls on someone else, falls on the top of the umbrella and splashes on someone else, while these Pharisees sit huddled under the umbrella. These people leave my meetings and say, "He sure got them told tonight. He sure told them what they needed to know tonight." And never do they apply the truth to themselves.

You can take your umbrellas down right now. Brother, this is one message that is going to hit you! I'm going to talk about you. Your sins are going to be exposed in this sermon.

### Detailed Preaching Against Specific Sins Is the Bible Way

It has become necessary to name sins. People are no longer sensitive to sin. People stand up and say, "I'm a good sinner," or brag, "I'm as good as other people." People have the idea that if they are as

good as other people, God will let them go to Heaven. Friend, you are dead wrong. Every tub stands on its own bottom. You are going to give an account to God for your sins. Unless you get forgiveness for your sins, you will die in your sins and go to a lost eternity. Just in case any of you think you don't need to be saved, I am going to name sins tonight.

I will name sins under three headings. (1.) Sins committed directly against God. (2.) Sins committed against or with your fellow man. (3.) And, personal sins.

### I. Sins Committed Directly Against God

#### 1. Taking God's Name in Vain

God's Word says, "Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain." Many of you people use the precious name of Jesus in a profane way in every other sentence you utter. You use His name to damn other men. Some of you can't open your mouth without taking Jesus' name in vain.

Listen to me fellow! Hear me, you cursing men! The most precious name in Heaven or on earth is the name of Jesus. Jesus Christ is God. Some day every knee shall bow and every tongue shall confess that Jesus is Lord to the glory of God the Father. And to think that you have the brazen, sinful audacity to use the sweetest name in Heaven or earth in a cursing, profane way. That one sin, sir, if you don't get forgiveness for it, will take your soul straight to Hell. Have you ever once in your life used Jesus' name to curse another? If you have, you are a sinner.

#### 2. The Sin of Insulting the Holy Spirit

Are you guilty of insulting the Holy Spirit? We read in the tenth chapter of Hebrews, verse 29, "Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace?" "Done despite unto the Spirit of grace?" Insulted the Spirit of grace. Insulting the Holy Spirit is one of the greatest sins a man can commit against God. The Holy Spirit is the third person of the Godhead. It is His job to convince you that Jesus is God, that Jesus is the only Saviour from sin: it is the Holy Spirit's ministry to convict you of your sins. He works on a man's heart when that man is hearing the Gospel preached.

All of you have heard the Gospel. You are not unsaved because you don't know how to be saved. All of you have had earnest appeals made in your behalf to get right with God. You have known the way of salvation from your youth. But, what have you been doing all these years? I'll tell you what you have been doing. You have been insulting the Holy Spirit. You know how to be saved, but you keep telling God to "wait a while. Wait, God, until I get my fill of sin. I'll come to you when I get good and ready to come. Don't press me for a decision."

Every time you have refused to open your heart to Jesus Christ, after you have heard the plan of salvation presented you have insulted the Holy Spirit. If you have walked away from the evangelistic service, turned away from the appeal of the radio preacher, re-

fused the pressing invitation of a personal worker, and turned your back on Jesus Christ as the Holy Spirit pressed you for a decision, you have insulted the Holy Ghost. To turn God away from your heart's door when He knocks and asks admittance is to commit the sin of insulting the Holy Spirit. You are despising God's grace and God's love, when you refuse to accept Jesus Christ as your Saviour. How long do you think God is going to let you get away with these direct insults against Him? Insulting the Holy Spirit is to reject Jesus Christ. This is serious business, a serious offence against God.

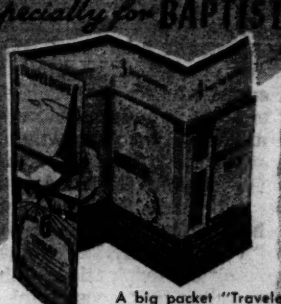
### 3. The Greatest Sin: Rejecting Jesus Christ

The greatest sin a man can commit against God is the sin of rejecting Jesus Christ. Refusing to receive Jesus as your personal Saviour is the greatest of all sins. I will show you that God will forgive every sin I am going to mention; but there is one sin, if continued in, that God can never forgive; that sin is the final rejection of Jesus Christ. The final refusal to receive Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour is the unpardonable sin. It is not only the sin question but also the Son question. What will you do with Jesus? If you repent of your sins and receive Jesus as your personal Saviour,

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you will go to Heaven. If you refuse to receive Jesus as Saviour, you will die in your sins and go to Hell. It is up to you, friend; you determine where you will spend eternity by what you do with Jesus.

How many of you can say you have never taken the Lord's name in vain? How many of you can say you never desecrated the Lord's day? How many of you are guilty of the sin of adultery? How many of you are rejecting Jesus Christ, and committing the sin of insulting the Holy Spirit? Guilty! Guilty! Every last one of us is guilty of one or more of these sins. All of us are sinners. We must all be saved.

### II. Sins Against or With Your Fellow Man

Now, let me deal with sins committed against, or with, our fellow man.

#### 1. The Sin of Drunkenness

One of these sins is drunkenness. In the tent meeting in Logan, West Virginia, a lady came up to speak to me. She had a little girl by her side. The girl had a patch on her eye. I asked, "What is the matter with the little girl's eye?" The mother replied, "My husband is an alcoholic. He was drinking the other night. In a fit of temper, he threw his bottle at me. I ducked, the bottle missed me, but hit our child in the eye and knocked her eye out." Ladies and gentlemen, a drunkard can be one of the lowest scoundrels on the face of the earth. Jesus Christ is your only hope, drunkard. The shame you have brought upon yourself and family, the disgrace you've brought upon your loved ones, the money you have thrown down a rat hole gambling and lying around with other women, is a sin. If you don't get forgiveness for it, it will send your soul to a lost eternity. God hates the sin of drunkenness and all the evils that go with it.

God's Word says, "Thou shalt not commit adultery." Salesman! Have you let down the bars and committed this sin? Soldier! You went to yonder country. You got away from your wife. No one saw you. No one knew you. The drive of your flesh led you to go to a brothel. Single fellow, high school fellow, you have gone out with some married woman and committed fornication. (Ah, don't you think that doesn't take place in this town.) What about it? Many in this crowd are guilty of this sin. You would give your right arm if you hadn't done it. Adultery! I tell you unless you get forgiveness for it, this sin will send your soul to a Christless Hell.

#### 2. The Sin of Divorce

The sin of divorce is another sin against God, directly against God. God's Word says, "Whoever shall put away his wife, saving for the cause of fornication, causeth her to commit adultery; and whoever shall marry her that is divorced committeth adultery."

What did the preacher ask you when you were married? What was it you pledged over an open Bible in the presence of witnesses when you were married? Didn't you pledge, "Until death do us part"? Isn't that what you pledged? You pledged that nothing should ever separate the two of you but death. God says, "What God hath joined together, let no man put asunder." Already many of you have broken that, holy pledge. You have gone to the law courts and secured a divorce. You got tired of your wife. You fell in love with another man. You were captured by another woman and led away by the lust of the flesh. Let me tell you something. God allows one wife to every man, only one husband to every woman. To enter into the act of divorce is causing adultery in the sight of God, except you have scriptural grounds for divorce.

God's Word allows divorce on one condition: unfaithfulness. If your husband commits fornication with other women, you have scriptural grounds to divorce that man. If your wife commits fornication with other men, you have God's approval for divorcing your guilty

wife. On no other grounds does God allow divorce. You have no right to change your wife or husband just because you get tired of one another. Incompatibility is not a basis for divorce in God's sight.

What about it? You divorced people, do you have Bible grounds for divorce? If not, you are guilty of adultery. God's Word pronounces you guilty of this sin. You have sinned directly against God. You have broken God's marriage law. You need to be saved.

#### 3. The Sin of Filthy Talk

I read in the Bible about "filthy communication out of your mouth." We are living in a day when young people know more dirty jokes than the scoundrel in the saloon knew twenty-five or thirty years ago. We are living in a day when it is not uncommon to go to a barber shop for a hair cut and some dirty-mouthed man, with filthy communication coming out of his mouth, will tell a dirty joke in a public place of business. At the shops where you work, you often hear, "Boys, I sure heard a good one yesterday." Let me tell you something. You had better scrap every dirty, filthy joke you know. God is going to judge you for telling your foul stories. You ought to be ashamed of yourself. If your mother, or little girl, ever heard you when you came to the punch line, you would never relate another dirty joke. To engage in filthy communication is sin. You must get forgiveness for it or be lost forever.

#### 4. Lying Keeps Souls Out of Heaven

Lying is another sin. My Bible says in Revelation 21:8, "... all liars shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone." Everybody seems to be lying to one another today. Lying is sin. How many of you have never told a lie? One lie will keep you out of Heaven, if you do not get forgiveness God's way. If you have ever told one lie you are a sinner and in need of salvation.

#### 5. Stealing

Stealing is another sin of which we are guilty. God says, "Thou shalt not steal." Have you ever stolen anything in your lifetime? If you have, you are a thief. Have you ever stolen an answer from another kid's paper in school? Have you cheated on your income tax returns? Have you ever stolen time on your employer? If you have ever stolen one thing, you need to get saved, get forgiveness for this sin, or you will never be allowed to enter Heaven. You need to be saved if you have stolen.

#### 6. Licentiousness a Sin of Many

What about the sin of wrong conduct on dates? Young people have lowered the bars. How have you conducted yourself with the girl you have been dating steady? Have you been up and above board? Are you clean, or have you been doing things that only belong to those who are married? Listen, God sees you. God knows what you are doing. You can fool your mother and father, but you can't fool God. If you are going the limit on your date life, you had better confess those sins to God, repent, and get right with God, or you are going to have a severe payday soon. Illicit sexual relationship is sin in God's sight. You need to be saved.

### III. Personal Sins

Now to deal with personal sins. There is the sin of self-abuse. Are you guilty?

There is the sin of pride. People strut around like a peacock. God says He hates the sin of pride. Is pride your sin?

God talks about an "evil eye" in the Bible. Many a man has an evil eye in his head. Watch the boys over on the drug store corner eye the girls as they go by. Watch the eyes of grown men as they sin in their minds in the presence of women. Many of you sweater girls are to blame. You set the men on fire with your suggestive dress. "Evil eyes" are an abomination to the Lord. Is this your personal

sin? If it is, you need to get saved.

Sin! God talks about evil thoughts. An evil thought is not a sin, but entertaining that thought is a sin. Your thought life! We are what we think! Are you sinning daily by harboring evil thoughts? You need forgiveness for these sins.

Temper, vile, vicious temper! Do you lose your temper with your wife, your husband, your children? Blow your top? God calls it sin.

Gossip, talking about somebody else all the time. Running down the church, running down the pastor, talking about your friends and neighbors. Your two-inch tongue is doing more damage than a wrecking crew, and killing more people than a gun. God is going to hold you accountable for your tongue actions. Perhaps your big gossiping tongue is your sin.

Where is your little umbrella now? Who can stand up now and say, "I don't need to be saved"? Who can stand up now and say, "I am not a sinner"? Who can stand up now and say, "I am good enough to get to Heaven without Jesus Christ"?

When we go down the line and look at these sins, most of us are guilty of everything I have named tonight but adultery and murder. There are few of the other sins we are not guilty of. If we are honest, we must all confess our sinfulness in God's sight.

If we are ever to be made fit to live in God's presence, in Heaven, we must get rid of our sins. We can't cover our sins. We can't take care of them ourselves by any good deeds of our own. We need someone to help us. Jesus is the only One who can forgive our sins. He is the only One who can cleanse our sinful souls. I want you to feel the burden of your sins. Don't take the "so what" attitude. You are in a dangerous position if you are living in your sins, if you have not had them forgiven God's way. Next, I want you to see:

### God's Attitude Toward Your Sins

God takes a holy attitude toward your sins. God loves the sinner but hates his sins. Don't take any comfort out of the fact that we all have committed the same sins. Don't take any comfort out of the fact you are as good as other people you know. You are not dealing with the standards of men; you are required to meet the holy standards of God. God is holy. You must meet a holy God. He judges you by His standards, not the standards of men.

God's attitude toward your sins is a conscious attitude. You have never put one sin over on God. God has the very hairs on your head numbered. God is keeping the record of your sins. God has seen every sin you have committed. You will have to give a strict accounting for your sins unless you receive Jesus Christ as your Saviour and get forgiveness.

God's attitude toward your sins is a just attitude. He is a God of justice. He will some day punish unsaved sinners for their sins and give them what they deserve. Sin carries the death penalty.

God's attitude toward our sins is an aggressive attitude. The Bible says, "It is appointed unto men once to die, and after this the judgment." God has appointed a day of judgment. God has his bloodhounds on your trail. You will be called to the Great White Throne if you die in your sins. There you will be judged according to your sins and cast alive into the lake of fire.

### V. Forgiveness for Sin Through Jesus Christ

Thank God, my message is not yet over. There is one more glorious point. There is a God-provided way to receive forgiveness for our sins. Here is God's way of forgiveness. To me the greatest verse in the Bible is I John 1:7, "The blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin." Here is the way of forgiveness. This is the sinner's escape from the judgment of God. The blood, the blood, the precious blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth us from all sin. The Lord Jesus Christ, God's Son, died on the cross. When He died, He died in my place. He took the punishment for sin that I deserve.

God, His Father, poured out His wrath on His own Son. Now we have a Saviour. Jesus is the sinner's Saviour. Christ died for sinners. Christ died for the ungodly. Jesus didn't die for "good people." He died for the ungodly. "This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners." Thank God, that gets me in!

Ladies and gentlemen, young people, if you will come to the Lord in prayer the best you know how, and ask Him to forgive you for your sins, receive Jesus into your heart, the Lord Jesus will apply the blood He shed on the cross to your sin-sick soul, cleanse you from all sin, past and future, and not only forgive you for all your sins, but He will forget your sins. Wonderful! Wonderful grace of Jesus! God not only forgives sin, He forgets sin.

There it is, friends. We have all

sinned. Most of us have committed everything in the books. But there is forgiveness available for us. God has provided the way. If you will repent of your sins, turn from them, receive Jesus Christ into your heart and life as your personal Saviour, God will forgive all your sins, place them as far as the east is from the west, and remember them against you no more.

If you will repent of your sins and accept Jesus as your Saviour, you will go to Heaven when you die. If you hold on to your sins, refuse to confess them and forsake them, you will die in your sins and go to Hell.

I plead with you to bow your head and heart and ask God for forgiveness. Receive Jesus as your Saviour. Do it now. Tomorrow may be too late. "The blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin."



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